

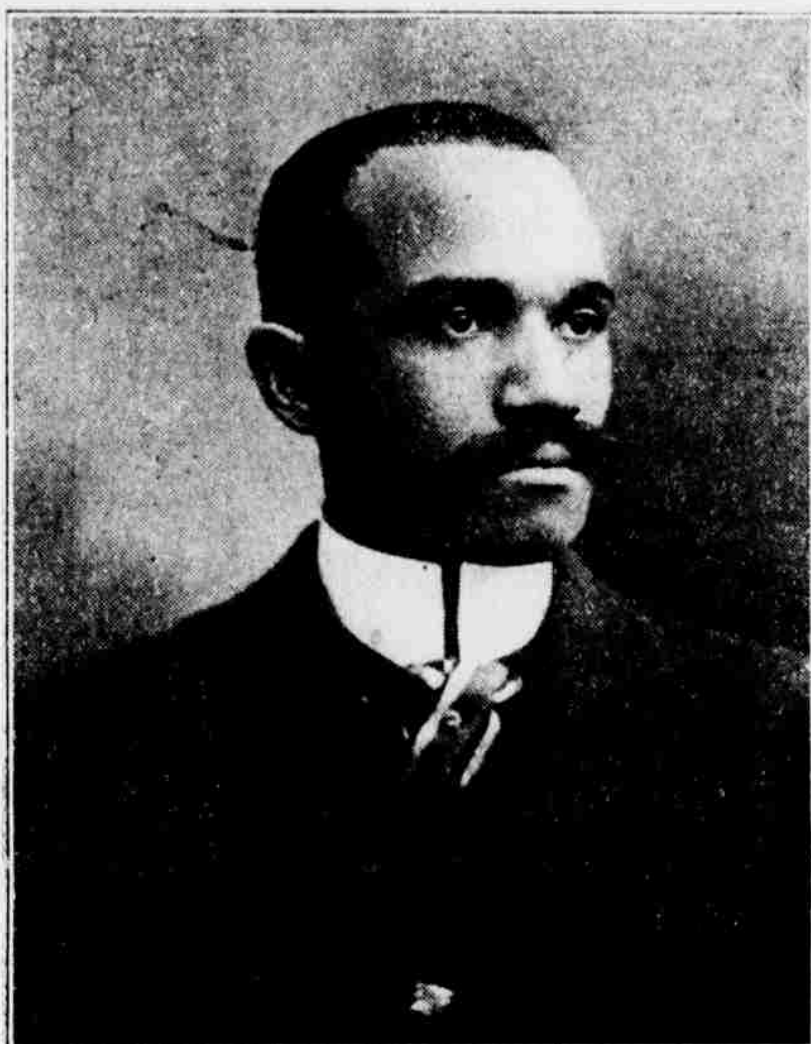


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Grand Master Grand United Order of Oddfellows.

**THE GRAND UNITED ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS**

Celebrate their 64th Anniversary  
With a Thanksgiving Service at  
Second Baptist Church, Sunday  
May 12.

Under the auspices of Cosmopolitan lodge No. 2935, Alaska No. 3664, Monrovia No. 4566, Gate City No. 4679, Arabia No. 6508, Past Grand Masters Council No. 113, Henrietta Household of Ruth No. 160, Queen No. 1332, Amazonia No. 2692 and Kansas City Patriarchal No. 66, the 64th anniversary of the founding of the order in America will be celebrated with a Thanksgiving Day service at the Second Baptist church at 10th and Charlotte at 2:30 p. m., Sunday, May 12th. The various lodges will meet at Odd Fellow's Hall, 18th and Grove streets at 1 p. m., the P. G. M.'s Council & Patriarch will meet in basement of Vine street Baptist church. The parade will be formed at the Vine street Baptist church headed by the Metropolitan band with Kansas City Patriarch No. 66 commanded by Captain Thomas Eaton, followed by P. G. M.'s Council No. 113. From thence they will march to Odd Fellows Hall where they will be joined by the subordinate lodges, under the marshalling of the day Bro. Fred Howard. They will then proceed to the Second Baptist church over the following route. North on Lydia to 14th, west on 14th to Charlotte, north on Charlotte to the church where they will be met by the sisters of the Household of Ruth, who will remain standing until all enter the church. After reaching the church the following programme will be rendered.

**Organ Voluntary.**

Introduction of Master of ceremonies  
Edward S. Lewis, Grand Master of Missouri by M. V. P., Eli Harris, chairman of committees.

Hymn, by choir (composed of members of the order arranged especially for this occasion.)

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name.  
Invocation by the Chaplain Rev. J. M. Green.

Paper—Fraternal Courage, by P. M. V. D. Parron of Kansas City Patriarch No. 66.

Solo by P. M. V. P. Edward Ross.

Paper—"The Household of Ruth"—by Sister Ida C. Lee of Amazonia H. H. No. 2692.

Hymn by Choir.  
Paper by Master Earl Thomas of Juvenile No. 258.

Address on Odd Fellowship by Ex-District Grand Master Eli Harris, Kansas City, Mo. Sermon by Rev. Dr. T. C. Ewing of Vine Street Baptist Church.

Queries by Master of Ceremonies and Master of Reception W. O. Fisher of Arabia Lodge, No. 650.

Closing Ode.  
Benediction.

We justly claim that the Grand United Order of Oddfellows is the only international fraternal organization among Afro-Americans and one about whose origin or legitimacy there is no question. No thief at night stole the ritualistic work, and then conferred the degrees upon himself, neither was the first Odd Fellow in the United States of such color that it was not fully known that he was an Afro-American descendant. In 1842 Philomathean Literary and Musical Society, organized itself into an association for the purpose of securing a dispensation from the Independent order (white) of this country. They petitioned this honorable body and appointed James Fields and others to wait upon the Grand Master of the order. Twice they did apply and twice they were refused. They were given to understand that Odd Fellowship was a blessing quite beyond their reach.

Although they did not seek the general recognition and fraternal affiliation that belongs to our order, they only sought to organize what should be known as a lodge of colored Oddfellows and well it was that they were refused. For there can be no lodge to practice the grand teachings of our order, that is curtailed in a single privilege. Equality is the central truth the marine's compass, which we must consult at all times, for a safe course and a proper destiny. Friendship Love and truth must guide every eye to the good; the stream from a fountain of justice must flow on steadily and untainted throughout its course. Less than this is not Oddfellowship. God works in a mysterious way His wonders to perform. And while the Independent order

(white) was making its refusals on this side, England, noble, liberty-loving, England, with wisdom equal to her magnanimity and courage equal to her sense of justice had thrown open her lodge room doors and received into full membership Bro. Peter Ogden, a negro, with one touch of his hand, did the Grand Master of England not only open up the gateway of fraternal blessing; but he dissipated the cloud of prejudice which had hung about us like a pall, and hung on our way like an avenging Nemesis, when Peter Ogden returned to New York and learned the sad fate of his friends and associates, how their petition had been scorned, and the petitioners humiliated, he knew that his lodge in England was their only salvation; he believed Victoria Lodge would grant them a dispensation and the fraternal recognition as Oddfellows, and as the Pilgrims of Old plunged into the sea to secure on that other side liberty, and the natural blessings of humanity, so this brave man left his native shores, and crossed the sea, to secure for you and me, and all posterity, the blessings that flow from Friendship, Love and Truth.

His Lodge in England received him and honored his request and in 1843 Victoria Lodge No. 448 of Liverpool, England, granted to Philomathean Lodge No. 646 of New York City, a dispensation, and on the first day of March of the same year the first lodge of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows was established in this country, and without disparagement to any other organization, we truthfully assert the fact that we are the only legitimate body of Oddfellows on the Western hemisphere. The first 25 years of our order the growth was slow and tedious on account of our social and industrial condition. But the great minds that were engaged in this work were not idle, and in 1858 the first Household of Ruth was established at Harrisburg, Pa. The task of convincing the sub-committee of management of the importance and usefulness of this branch of the order, was laid upon Bro. Patrick Reason, and for his success in this undertaking he was made an honorary member of the Ruth degree.

To Peter Ogden and Patrick Reason we must point then as the fathers of our organization. The years of their labor were at first dark and dreary. The success of their enterprise uncertain. The seed for the harvest was sown in doubt and apprehension. But today, standing under our own vine and fig tree, we count the harvest. Three hundred and fifty thousand members, with lodge property valued at nearly three millions of dollars and money unappropriated and unexpended in the hands of the sub-committee of management at Philadelphia, Pa., amounting to nearly \$75,000.00.

The organization in Missouri is steadily growing and from a few years ago with a depleted treasury, the Cor. Sec. at our last state grand session, held in Macon, Mo., reported \$6,150.75 cash on hand, and increase over the previous year of over \$3,000.00.

Kansas City has been honored for the past nine years in having the executive head of our state organization in this city. M. V. P. Eli Harris being Grand Master for six years, up till 1903, when he retired and as his successor, the mantle fell on the shoulders of that young and intrepid leader, Edw. S. Lewis, of this city, who has served continuously since 1903. During the term of ex-Grand Master Eli Harris, our endowment department was originated, whereby we paid to the deceased brothers the sum of \$50 at death. This was afterward increased to \$100 and today our Endowment Department pays to deceased brothers the sum of \$150. In Kansas City, Mo., we have five subordinate Lodges, three Households of Ruth, one Past Grand Mas-

ters Council, one Patriarches and two Juveniles.

The present state Grand officers are: District Grand Master Edward S. Lewis, K. C. Mo.; District Deputy Grand Master D. B. Jones, Sedalia, Mo.; District Grand Treasurer Augustus Turner, St. Louis; District Grand Secretary Geo. E. Temple, St. Louis, Mo.; District Grand Treasurer Angus will convene in Booneville, Mo., Tuesday, August 6.

**"REPORTER"**

**MISSOURI'S PRODUCT.**

Prof. J. T. Fox of this City Who Has Made a Splendid Record.

The subject of this sketch is a young man who is well known in this community by a great number of citizens, including some of the most influential people of the city. Mr. Fox has acted in such a manner as to draw all classes to his support. Because of his gentle manners and go-ahead ability, Prof. Fox was born in Hannibal, Mo., and graduated from Douglas High School with class honors. Immediately afterwards teaching in his home town.

Not satisfied with this, his mind had a craving to secure better qualifications as a teacher. It was then that he earned his first year's tuition at Howard University. After becoming acquainted there, making friends as he always does wherever he goes he worked himself to graduation. After leaving Howard he became engaged in his favorite calling the noble occupation of school teaching. For three years Mr. Fox was connected with the public school of Washington, D. C. On leaving there he accepted the principalship of the high school in Metropolis, Ill. He also served as Prof. of Mathematics of the Conroe Parker Industrial School at Conroe, Texas.

Prof. Fox holds first grade certificates in the state of Illinois, Arkansas and Texas with an average of 95 per cent.

Prof. Fox after coming to his native state where he has had a long desire to locate and finding all the schools where he would be best fitted occupied; following out his restless energy he took up the hotel business at the Coates House where he is working until the regular time for teachers appointments.

The Son feels that any school would be honored with a teacher of Prof. Fox's calibre, because of the past record he has made in the professional field.

Mr. Fox has received the technical as well as the practical side of a college education. Taking such studies as Philosophy and Pedagogy in his special post-graduating course leading to the degree of Ph. B. Missouri feels proud of the record he has made and the people welcome him back to his native state, where he shall eventually secure the honorable position as a teacher of the schools.

**ALBIN'S DRUG STORE, NEW LOCATION, S. W. CORNER 18TH AND WOODLAND. OLD FRIENDS INVITED.**

**CANVASS FOR 15,000 SUBSCRIBERS TO THE RISING SON.**

This paper is about to make a canvass for 15,000 subscribers. These things must be borne in mind. That we must keep every subscriber that we have, and every day redouble our efforts for more patrons. Again every Preacher and School Teacher in this city should assist us. Every subscriber should make his personal business to see that every one of their friends take the paper. Every business Negro should have it on sale at his place of business. Every Negro should contribute their share toward the support of the paper. All the young men on the staff should be encouraged. Every Negro citizen should have a copy of praise for this paper and should on all occasions praise its publication.

C. H. Johnson the Tomb Stone engraver is doing great work for the Negro in his line.

## Ten Years of Successful Labor for the "Rising Son" Among the 35,000 Negroes of the City.

Here in Kansas City the Rising Son, the oldest Negro journal, began its career. It has gone through many crises. It has almost been to the wall, but by some prepossessions of power it has maintained its grip in the city. The Rising Son too has had its owners and managers during its ten years career. Many Negroes occupying eminent positions as school teachers, mail carrier and lawyers have been connected with this paper. Some of the people who have been connected with this paper at various times are Harry Graham, now teacher at Western University; Prof. J. S. Harris principal at Summer School, the late Prof. S. R. Bailey, Mrs. Francis Jackson, now a teacher at Lincoln Institute, T. B. J. Robinson, Willis Mosley, J. F. Cole and the veteran newspaper man Lewis Wood. Many more which could be recorded. Mr. Wood turning the paper over to the new manager.

The people who have worked on the paper could not doubt tell the public some interesting experiences. One strong reason why the Son did not go down was because the people have long desired a good Negro journal. During these long years of continuous success the Son seemed not to have the proper master. If the right person had been in the right place they never would have deserted the paper. The controllers of the paper at that time only needed to arouse an interested public. Some of the essential things for the maintaining of a good Negro newspaper. First the paper must have something therein to read. Second the paper must be live and interesting. Third, there must be a unity between the subscribers and the officials of the paper. Fourth, you must have a community from which you can draw fresh batches of news each week. Fifth there must be a general support throughout the entire community in which you have a circulation. Sixth the subscribers must pay their subscriptions promptly. Seventh there must be a sympathy on the part of the general public. Eighth the editors and reporters must bow to the will of the public. Ninth, the people on the paper must have enough energy to deliver the goods. Tenth, the paper must be prompt, regular and on time.

These are some of the most essential things it takes to run a first class Negro journal. Hence these are thoughts for serious consideration. The reason that the Negroes should

have a good paper is four-fold in its answer. There are many reasons. Through a Negro paper the colored people can learn of their own accomplishments from an unbiased standpoint.

They need a good paper to show them the light, to guide them through political campaigns. To tell them what men to support. To tell them when a Negro political leader is leading them wrong. To fight for their rights upon all occasions. To help the underdog in his fight for existence. To shield the innocent. To protect our women. To instruct the growing young men. To encourage the young graduates. To sound the alarm when danger is near. To be ready upon all occasions to declare for justice and equal rights. To show to the white men that are friends of the Negro that their labor has not been in vain. To sing of the deeds of their fathers and mothers during the time of slavery. All of these things are conducive to one object, the maintaining of a first class Negro journal with a city circulation of 10 or 15 thousand.

The Negro has gone a long way toward solving the race problem. The new men on the Rising Son are making a strive for about 15,000 subscribers among the 35,000 Negroes. Every subscriber should assist us in our efforts to reach 15,000 colored people. Let every one who takes this paper speak a good word for the paper. In securing 15,000 subscribers in Kansas City and a few thousand out of Kansas City, the Negroes could justly boast of having a splendid opportunity of being assisted in improving their conditions. Every country hamlet should have this paper in their home. Every Negro voter should see to it to have a copy of this paper in their home to be instructed along political lines. They should be enlightened in regard to their lodges, and when they have meetings, church news should be read in their rooms. All of this in its entirety should be had. Right will always triumph over might, and if this be the case the Son will soon reach the 10,000 mark and then on and on. At last the Rising Son has secured the right people for the right place in reference to his control. With sincere confidence and sympathy on the public's part the paper will take a boom and then go on fast the day hasten when the Rising Son will enter to brighten every household and hamlet. A continued effort will bring success.

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**DON'T FAIL TO SEE "WHEN JASPER WAS MADE KING" NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT, MAY 17.**

The Knights of Pythias are trying to raise enough money to pay for the uniforms for the young men of the Juvenile division. The people belonging to these Lodges should take pleasure in helping to raise the amount.

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